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Dear Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56,  
Applicants list the following references (copies of the listed patents enclosed).

U.S. Patent Documents				
Exam. Initials	Class/ Subclass.	Document No.	Date	Name
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	604/22	4,994,024	02/1991	Falk
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The listed patents pertain in a general way to the subject matter of the application, but are not necessarily considered to be analogous prior art.

Respectfully submitted,



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